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Honorable Harold V. Froehlich
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Froehlich:

This is in regard to your request for further information in reply to a letter from Mr. Ervin Marquardt, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, regarding a sanitary landfill water pollution problem south of Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

In his letter, Mr. Marquardt refers to contacts and discussions with EPA. The EPA he is referring to in his letter is the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Clarence Oster of our Minnesota-Wisconsin District Office contacted the Division of Environmental Protection of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan District Office, and information was obtained from Mr. Allan Schoen. He indicated that leachates from this sanitary landfill area have reached the nearby creek in the last month. The problem has been more acute this year than in the past because of recent heavy precipitation. Mr. Schoen also indicated that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources made an investigation of this site during the past month and has made several recommendations concerning this private landfill facility owned and operated by Mr. Lehrer. The recommendations to Mr. Lehrer were those in the State of Wisconsin Solid Waste Administrative Code, which became effective July 1, 1973. Using these recommendations, they have recommended moving the operation back from the nearby creek, as per the new setback requirements. Diking requirements were also recommended to prevent leachate from reaching the stream. They have also indicated that there will be a need for caping, or placing additional clay layers, in the landfill to stop further drainage. These requirements of the Department of Natural Resources must be met before the sanitary landfill license will be renewed on October 1, 1973. Mr. Schoen also stated that the operator has indicated that he will comply with these requirements within the next month. Follow-up will be done by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan District Office. For

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further information concerning this, we suggest that Mr. Marquardt contact:

Mr. Allan Schoen, Assistant Director
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Lake Michigan District Office
812 South Fisk Street
P.O. Box 3600
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303
414/494-9601

Thank you for your interest in the abatement of water pollution.

Sincerely yours,

Francis T. Mayo
Regional Administrator

HAROLD V. FROEHLICH
8TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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June 26, 1973

Mr. Gary H. Baise, Director
Office of Legislation
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, Southwest
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Baise:

I wish to bring to your attention a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Ervin Marquardt, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, regarding a problem which appears to involve a sanitary landfill south of Kaukauna.

As you will note from the enclosed, the landfill is situated close to Konkapot Creek which flows through part of the city and empties into the Fox River.

I would appreciate an investigation of this matter and a report at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harold V. Froehlich
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Member of Congress

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Kaukauna, Wis.

The honorable H. Froehlich
Congressman
State of Wis.

Dear Sir;

I would like to bring to your attention a problem which I believe involves the Environmental Protection Agency, therefore I am writing to you. The problem involves a so called sanitary landfill just South of Kaukauna. The landfill is situated quite close to Konkapot Creek which flows through part of the city and empties into the Fox river. This landfill (Lehrer) is seriously polluting the creek. I personally walked to the point of polution with the Kaukauna mayor and health officer so they could veiw the source of pollution. Mr. Jim Gerty, the healthofficer, went to the site with a local DNR official (I believe a Mr. White). The D.N.R. said we certainly have a case here and said the E. P. A. should be contacted. Mr. Gerty called the E.P.A. on several occasions, once in my presence. On Mon. June 18th, 1973 a Mr. Boehm was supposed to come to Kaukauna & take charge of the problem. Prior to this, a Mr. Fabrika from the E.P.A. was contacted on the same matter. We have yet to see any of these people. It certainly appears that we are being given a "run around."

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Our local paper mills are spending millions of dollars on pollution abatement equipment to prevent pollution. Some mills are closing or curtailing operations because of the cost of meeting E.P.A. standards. This makes me wonder why the Lehrer sanitary landfill is allowed to continue its present operation.

I am told this is under E.P.A. jurisdiction and if that is the case, they certainly are not doing their job here. The E.P.A. being a fererally regulated agency, I thought I'd write to you about it to see if something can be done immediately.

The affected area is much used by Kaukauna children and I dread to think of what might happen if a child were to fall in this creek & swallow some of the water. We must also think of the possibilities of Typhoid fever in a situation such as this. This pollution is not a new problem, but ~~one~~ an old one that is getting worse.

I'd appreciate any help on this matter so that it is corrected. Mr. Fahrbach & Mr. Boehm from the E.P.A. office in Green Bay have already been contacted more than once & have done nothing about it to my knowledge & failed to keep a June 18th appointment. If I were as lax on my job I would have lost it long ago.

Respectfully Yours
Erwin Marquardt
[redacted]
Kaukauna, Wis. 54130

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